

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTEGRATING TRADING
OPERATIONS INCLUDING THE GENERATION, PROCESSING AND
TRACKING OF TRADE DOCUMENTS**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

First and second components of the present invention, in combination, provide a customer interface for initiating a trade transaction and provides for the secure viewing of the status of the transaction. A third component assists in the automatic generation and verification of the voluminous and detailed documents required to support a trade transaction. The third component additionally tracks and assists in the management of the seller's manufacturing and shipment of the goods that form the basis of the trade transaction. A fourth component automatically generates a Letter of Credit from a Purchase Order and performs a reconciliation function on payments made pursuant to Letters of Credit or open Accounts.